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THIS CENTENNIAL MESSENGER IS DEDICATED TO MEMORY OF UTAH PIONEERS

Brigham Young, Great Utah Pioneer

Brigham Young, in his youth largely unlettered, and throughout his life almost entirely unschooled, with a youth of as little promise as that of that other great leader, Abraham Lincoln, and associated with the most libelled religious movement of history, yet rose to world eminence as the head of a large world movement in theology, and as a mighty colonizer like unto Moses of old, until in this centennial year of 1947 one may read in national encyclopedias of biography such tributes to his national stature as this by an eminent historian in a great university in the East: "If I were asked to name the three greatest Americans, I would be compelled to place Brigham Young among them."

With a firmness and fearlessness of character that caused him to be termed, "the Lion of the Lord," he yet possessed the true culture of a real gentleman, the patience and long suffering of a woman, and a gentleness and humility like that of a child.

With a constant admonition to his associates to be ever calm, poised, and self-possessed, he himself practiced a most strict and watchful selfcontrol. On one occasion, we are told by one of his wives in the Lion House, he came in the middle of the day from his office into his own room in great haste and evident mental perturbation, and closed the door. The wife, not knowing whether to enter or to wait, stood outside the door in silence, and then she was astonished to hear Brigham Young giving Brigham Young a stern lesson in self-discipline, for she heard these brusk sentences sharply uttered, "Down on your knees, Brigham; down on your knees." Then completely amazed, the good wife took her seat at the other end of the hall, and sat as she had when he entered. In due time she saw the door of that room open again and a composed, calm and dignified Brigham Young make her a bow as he walked with deliberation back into his office from whence he had before come in such haste.

What a flood of light this little incident throws upon the composed public figure of the second President of the Church, and the first governor of the territory of Utah. God could love and trust Brigham Young. God could reveal his secrets and could pour out His Spirit upon such a man.

Contributions of Utah Pioneering To Our Western Civilization

BY S. GEORGE ELLSWORTH, MAJOR IN HISTORY, U. of C.

The appearance of the Great Basin in 1847, as viewed for the first time by Orson Pratt and his fellow scouts of Brigham Young's party on that late day in July, one hundred years ago, had been little disturbed from that of the past centuries by either the native Indians, Spanish padres or in the previous two decades by Anglo-Saxon fur traders and explorers.

July 24, 1847, marked the beginning of a new era for that area, for unlike the padres and trader-explorers, the Mormons were primarily home builders and came to establish a new and permanent home. The change they have wrought in the past century in those valleys has caused many to exclaim, "the desert has been made to blossom as the rose."

However historians may regard the religion of the Latter-day Saints, they are united in acclaiming the contributions of the Mormons in the colonization of the Great Basin, filling in that area of the map of the United States which otherwise would not have been settled for possibly another one or two generations.

Under the vigorous, dynamic and inspiring leadership of Brigham Young, an inland empire was built by loyal followers. The well-organized and orderly exodus of tens of thousands of the exiled Mrrmons from Illinois and the Eastern States across the plains, the choice of areas for a permanent settlement which others did not want because these others beleved the "land of primise" was on the Pacific Coast, the employment of irrigation upon dry but fertile valleys, the explanation and settlement of neighboring valleys, the utilization of natural resources, the importation of new ideas and up-to-date machinery and industrial tools, the employment of a unique missionary system that brought hundreds of converts into the valleys which in turn kept the Mormon settlements from provincialism—all combined to lay the foundations for an inland American empire, unique in modern history for creating a closely integrated (and for a time self-sustaining) society, religiously, socially, economically and politically.

The appearance of the Great Salt Lake Valley and the Great Basn on the Centennial Year of its occupation by the Mormons not only represents a heritage of considerable material wealth, but a culture high in moral and spiritual values to those who will receive it.

Henry D. Moyle

Priesthood power sometimes lies dormant and is not used. We seem to think that priesthood power begins and ends in ordinances we perform. But this is not so, for if it were thus true than we would not need universal priesthood, but only a few men would suffice.

There is power in the quorum of priesthood, and the members of quorums should lay their problems, of every nature, openly before their brethern and ask for their counsel and guidance as a quorum. The experience and inspiration of the whole quorum is thus made available to each member for his welfare.

No one should go into debt without the counsel of his quorum, but humility and simplicity are absolutely essential.

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Fear Versus Gospel Peace

Pres. Eugene Hilton at the Oakland Stake Conference June 29, 1947, declared that fear describes the world tension in which this generation lives.

"I Am Afraid" is the title of one magazine article; "Fear is Out of Date," another current title. We seem to see that this so-called peace in the world today is but the interlude to another world war. We have heard the words of Elder Henry D. Moyle that it is prophecied that unless the world changes greatly there seems no way of avoiding another world conflict.

Fear has some good uses and connotations. It is protective; it is in one sense reverential, as "fear" of the Lord." But there is destructive fear, as of impending danger, which destroyes faith and is sin, and is the devil's own device to overthrow us. The sovereign antidote to fear is culivation of faith, and love, for "Love casteth out fear."

The Lord advises, Fear not men," as Moses said to Israel, "Be strong and of a good courage; fear not, and be not afraid." When Gideon was leading Israel to battle he sent home all that were afraid of the enemy, and thus reduced his force to a mere 300 men of strong faith, yet with them he overthrew the Midianite hosts.

Work overcomes fear. Be active in your callings and be free from fear. "Be still and see the salvation of the Lord." Our God is the same God who lead Israel thru the Red Sea, and Lehi over the ocean and who preserved the Lamanite youths in battle. "Whoso belongeth to my Church need not fear . . . If ye are prepared ye shall not fear."

Descendants First 1847 Pioneers

Mavis Humphries of Dimond Ward is a grandfather of that famous member of the first band of Utah pioneers, William Clayton, secretary and companion to the Prophet Joseph, and author of "Come, Come, Ye Saints."

Descendents of Brigham Young now living in the East Bay Region, include Richard W. Young, of Berkeley Ward, great grandson, and also the local Ellsworths who trace back to Edmund Ellsworth, a young man in the original pioneer band, who married the oldest child of Brigham Young. Direct descendents of this union are the following and their families:

Frank B. Ellsworth of Maxwell Park, Edmund F. Ellsworth of Pinewood Road, Oakland; Mrs. Thurza Boyle of Dimond; Mrs.

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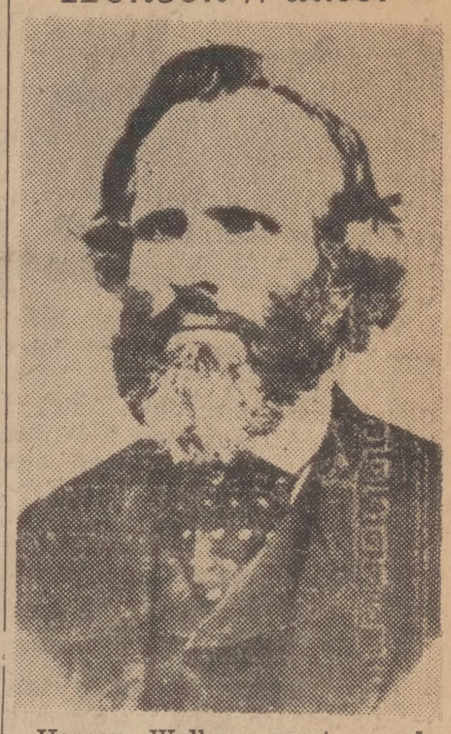
Pratt and Kimball Local Descendants

Two of the most prominent Utah '47-ers, Parley P. Pratt and President Heber C. Kimball, are represented among the local colony. In Alameda Ward is Mrs. Vina Holdaway, a daughter of Parley P. Pratt, and in Dimond Ward is her son, Eldred.

Heber C. Kimball is represented by his son, Don C. Kimball, the trailer manufacturer and dealer of Richmond ,and by a grandson, Don Carlos Kimball, of Berkeley Ward.

Albert Carrington was one of the early apostles and an 1847 pioneer, and he has a son or grandson, by the same name living in Alameda, a prominent business man, former president of the Chamber of Commerce of Alameda.

Hensen Walker



Henson Walker, great grandfather of President Wayne Mayhew, was born in Manchester, Ontario County, New York, on March 13, 1820, and joined the Church in 1840. Holding the rank of Major in the Nauvoo Legion he was with them June 18, 1844, when the Prophet Joseph Smith unsheathed his sword for the last time. He was present at the meeting where the mantle of Joseph rest upon Brigham Young, and testified to this fact.

Henson volunteered for the Mormon Battalion but President Young requested him not to go with that group since he had a place for Henson among the 143

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Unified Stake Building Program

Voting unanimously to adopt a comprehensive, unified budgetary building program, a Berkeley Stake Priesthood meeting June 22 went on record as favoring a plan for pooling for six years the resources of the whole stake for the purpose of erecting a welfare center, ward chapels and also the two-stake Tabernacle.

Meeting with their wives at a widely advertised monthly priesthood meeting that laster for three hours, and debating the issue at full length after it had been lucidly and graphically presented by the use of many large charts, and extended explanations by the stake presidency, a large and enthusiastic audience adopted without a contrary vote the following resolution:

"It is proposed that the Berkeley Stake (1) adopt a 6-year, comprehensive, unified budgetry plan for the raising of funds for, and construction of ward and branch chapels and recreation halls,

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Three Centennial Events In Utah

"The Promised Valley," music drama depicting the Mormon hegira into forbidding desert fastness in search of religious freedom.

"One Hundred Years of American Painting," a collection of priceless pictures loaned for exhibit by the Metropolitan and Whitney Museums of New York to the Utah Centennial Commission.

A series of five evening concerts by the Tabernacle Choir with great artists of national renown.

These three events will be the culmination of Utah's Centennial celebration.

"The Promised Valley.." will be presented from July 21 to August 10. "One Hundred Years of American Painting" will be exhibited from July 1 to 31. "The Sunday Evening Tabernacle Concerts" will be presented June 22, July 6, 13, 20, 27.

Produced at a cost of over $120,000, "The Promised Valley"

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The August Messenger will continue the Pioneer theme, honoring especially the Mormon Battalion, the Ship Brooklyn Colony, the Handcart companies. People in northern California, whether tracing back to these pioneers or not, and also to the Pony Express and other pioneer day features, are invited to send in photos, stories, notes on relics, etc., as promptly as possible, to the Editor at 1612 Spruce street, Berkeley, phone Ashberry 8131. Any omissions found in the July issue will gladly be supplied when the data are sent to us.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare my way before me; and

"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare my way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple." Mal. 3:1.

1847 Utah Pioneers After July 24th

July 29, 1947, 140 members of the Mormon Battalion and 100 of the Mississippi saints entered the Salt Lake Valley, having followed the main body of the pioneers by a few days all the way from Bridger.

The grandfather of Edna Torgerson of Dimond Ward was Thomas Callister, who came in September, 1847. Her grandmother, Melissa Lampson, came also in 1847.

The great-grandfather of Pearl Folkman of Dimond Ward, was Andrew Jackson Schupe, who came to Utah in 1847, after July the 24th.

Hilda Perkins' mother, Emeline Leavitt, came to the Salt Lake September, 1847.

The great-granddaughter of Lucile Williams of Dimond Ward was Andrew Allen, who came to Utah in September, 1847.

Vilate Oakley Pierce of Dimond, is the daughter of John Oakley, who came to Salt Lake City in September, 1847. Another of his daughters is Lucy E. White. Of his granddaughters, we have Mrs. Mary Stewart, wife of former bishop, Owen Stewart of Hayward, and Thurza Boyle (Mrs. Louis Boyle), of Dimond, and Mildred Morgan of Dimond. Leon White is a grandson.

Other descendents, of course, are the families of those just mentioned, including these young married folks with children of their own: Margaret McClellan, Bernard Stewart, Willard C. and Linford Pierce; John M. Morgan, Lucile Schow and Noreen Byron.

Mrs. Pearl Bliss of Oakland Ward is descended from Levi Handcock, who came later in 1847; and Leona Dalbey of Walnut Creek traces back to James Oakley, a member of the Mormon Battalion, sick division, which came into Salt Lake Valley, July 29, 140 strong. Leone Dailey's line also goes back to one of these Mormon Battalion "boys," Dimick B. Huntington.

Amy J. Doyle of Valdez street, Oakland, and Wesley M. Jones of Frisbie street, Oakland, are the great-grandchildren of Philander Colton, one of the Mormon Battalion "boys" who arrived in Salt Lake City later in 1847 to join his wife and children there. He was mustered out in California early in 1847.

No. Calif. Regional Welfare News

The six stakes and mission of Northern California met on Sunday, July 6, to plan for the future. It is hoped to add a cannery and work rooms for project work to the Gould street center of the Oakland Stake. Sacramento has completed a fine new building for storehouse and cannery, Palo Alto Stake has purchased a 10-acre prune orchard, and will erect a quonset shaped building for canning and storage. San Francisco has recently purchased property at Daly City for a Welfare Square and cannery.

The six Stakes have been ordering and using large numbers of cans, and have had allocated to them 6800 pounds of sugar. Gridley Stake has already canned 900 cases of peaches; they have ten acres of peaches and prunes.

The clothing drive for Europe asked for 900 cases from the Northern California six stakes and the mission. So far from four stakes we have sent in over 1200 cases and 1700 will be the total in the end from the six stakes.

The regional welfare work is being directed by W. Aird MacDonald, former president of Oakland Stake. We are glad to be able to report that Sister Nell MacDonald is much improced in health.

Harriet Decker Young Descendant

Eva Brown Harker (Mrs. Elmer Harker), traces her ancestry back to one of the three women members of the first Pioneer Camp, Harriet Page Wheeler Decker Young, wife of Lorenzo D. Young at the time of the exodus.

This Mrs. Decker Young had charge of the two children of the company, one her own by Mr. Decker, and the other Lorenzo Young's. She also gave birth to the first white child born in Salt Lake Valley.

Local Descendants Of Zebedee Coltrin

Forebear of Berkeley Coltrins.

The name of Zebedee Coltrin occurs rather prominently in the history of the Church, written by Joseph Smith, but only last week were told that "Ed" Coltrin, a member of Berkeley Ward, until his death, and husband of Merle Coltrin, by whom he is the father of the sons, Ed and Dick, and the daughters, Myrl Deon and Dorothy Mae, was the grandson of this early Zebedee, one of the original band of July 24, 1847 pioneers.

Therefore, we desire to do honor to this good man, and to congratulate the Coltrin family in our midst for their fortunate ancestry.

We have space for only brief mention of Zebedee Coltrin. The Prophet Joseph Smith wrote under date of April 18, 1834: "In company with Elders Sidney Rigdon, Oliver Cowdery and Zebedee Coltrin, I left Kirtland for New Portage, to attend a conference. On the 19th, we retired to the wilderness where we united in prayer and supplication for the blessings of the Lord to be given unto His Church. After blessing Elder Rigdon, we laid our hands upon Brother Zebedee, and confirmed the blessing of wisdom to preach the Gospel until it spreads to the islands of the seas, and to be spared to see three score years and ten (he lived to be nearly 83), and see Zion built up . . ."

Zebedee Coltrin did become a wise and effective missionary. For instance, he and Levi Hancock were called by revelation to go on a mission, and while travelling through Randolph county, Indiana, they built up a branch of the Church numbering one hundred members. He was present at the dedication of the Kirtland Temple when the heavens were opened to so many of the brethern, he himself "seeing a vision of the Lord's hosts." He was called to be a patriarch by President Young in 1873 and gave over one thousand blessings in Utah Stake where he also served as a Stake missionary for over four years.

Here we see the camp of Israel in a Wyoming scene where the camps sought sometimes the protection of the mountains against the winds and against the surprise attack of the redmen. The timbers of the mountains afforded abundant firewood and some wood, perhaps, for needed repairs to wagons and other equipment. Tents were comparatively few, because the emigrants felt more secure sleeping within the protection of the wagonbox, and in case of severe storms the tents were apt to be destroyed and the bedding flooded.

Claremont Ward

(2003 Woolsey Street, Berkeley)

J. Arthur and Patricia T. Burdette announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, born June 26, 1947.

Annetta Wood, Stake Primary president, attended Primary Conference in Salt Lake City recently.

LaReal Eyring and Helen Burdette were also in Salt Lake at the M.I.A. general conference.

The only Relief Society meeting held in July will be an all-day work period on the 10th.

Rhean and Reed Harker have returned home for the summer after attending school at the B.Y.U.

Saturday, the 28 of June, the Primary held a Field Trip to study the life and history of native California trees. Marshall Stoddard and Fred Reiche were the lecturers. A surprise picnic concluded the excursion. This festive occasion was supervised and suggested by Althea Stoddard.

In the entrance hall of the Church, the Primary has placed a box wherein suggestions for improvement of ward activities may be deposited. Ward members are encouraged to use it.

summer in Utah. Dick is doing special research work on Mormon history in connection with his doctor's thesis.

Dorothy Ann Harker is enjoying the summer vacation in Raymond, Alberta, Canada, visiting friends and relatives.

Betty and Dewain Madsen and children are vacationing in Salt Lake City.

Man's relationship to Jesus is meant to be perfectly natural. Jesus expressed it thus: "I am the vine, ye are the branches; as the branch cannot bear fruit except it abide in the vine, neither can ye except ye abide in me."

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TEMPORAL BLESSINGS

Bishop Dennis Lauper at the Oakland Stake Conference June 29, 1947, told the story of a man who set apart two equal fields of land. One he worked on seven days in the week; on the other parcel of land he observed the Sabbath day and did no work on it on Sundays.

At the time of harvest he found that the former one had out-produced the latter, and said, "You see, there is no gain in observing the Sabbath Day." But in answer to this remark, a seasoned editor made the sage observation, "The Lord doesn't always balance His accounts in October."

He has promised that if His people observe the Sabbath the fullness of the earth shall be theirs. He says He has prepared the good things of the earth for man, and delights in providing them for His children. He draws no fine line between the temporal and the spiritual. He blesses in both spheres equally as it pleases Him, when we obey His commandments which are really keys that open the doors on blessings and richness of fine living.

"It is in the hands of this priesthood of the church to save this nation," said Elder Donald S. Rowberry.

Liahona Club News

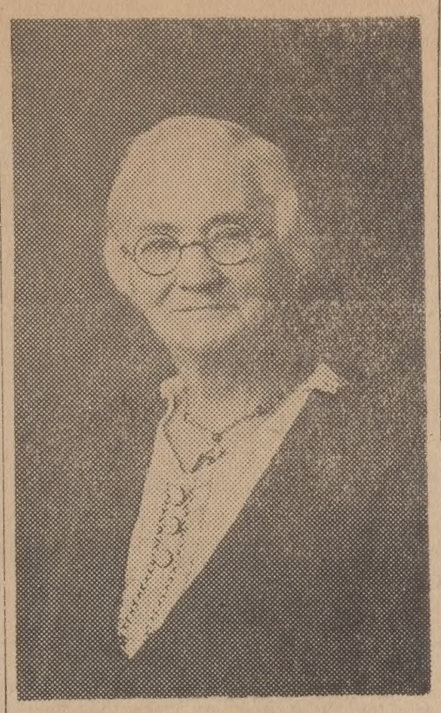
The Liahona club met at their monthly dinner-program meeting at the Coit hotel, Oakland, Monday, June 23, with the largest attendance for many a month, and most interesting lecture, and also business matters of importance. With Herbert VanNoy presiding for the evening, and President Wm. H. Evans welcoming the ten guests present and restating the main functions of the club, Heber Brown introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. A. J. Heldman, from the manufacturing department of Shell Development company.

Speaking on the topic, "The Atom Bomb," Doctor Heldman, who had been connected with the Manhattan Project during the war, the agency which produced the bombs that were dropped on Japan, declared that the scientists concerned were now banded together in a disinterested effort to make the world understand the utter necessity of cooperative control of atomic bombs lest we allow the Frankenstein monster we have now created to destroy our lives and our civilization. Since one atomic bomb is as powerful as 20,000 tons of TNT, and since on large scale operations atomic energy is about 50 times as cheap as TNT energy, being really our cheapest energy, the bad as well as the good potentialities must be put under control to serve and not destroy mankind.

Pointing out that there is really no defense against these frightful agents of death, and that 1000 bombs dropped properly in the United States could destroy in one large operation 40,000,000 people and wipe out our industrial centers, and also that while the United States may still hold the lead soon any country try, even small ones, may be equipped with these bombs, he drove home the point of everyone's iminent danger so long as there is no world agreement on control of atomic energy.

After discussion it was voted to hold the annual club picnic September 20. The serious illness of Vaun W .Moody was mentioned and all advised to remember to send a cheering note to him at 5986 Massachusetts avenue, Castro Valley, Hayward, Calif. July meeting July 28 at Coit hotel.

Mary Emma Stout



Afton Stout, well-known basso of Berkeley Ward, and Tracy Stout, Berkeley auto dealer, are descendants of one of the largest pioneering families. Their mother bore fifteen children, Afton being the fifteenth, and Tracy the thirteenth.

Grandfather Stout served as a bodyguard to the Prophet Joseph Smith in Nauvoo. He brought his family to Utah in 1851.

The father of Afton and Tracy, Alfred Fish Stout, set up several saw mills, and furnished lumber for early Utah structures including the St. George Temple.

Alfred Fish Stout, the father of the local five Stout men, Elmer, Ernest, Homer, Tracy and Afton, was himself a big man, measuring over six feet and weighing about two hundred-fifty pounds,possessing prodigious strength and endurance. His greatest adventure was that of being chewed by a grizzly bear at Crystal, adjacent to what now is Zion's National Part. It took eight shots by his brother, John, to kill the bear just in time to save Alfred's life.

The mother of our local Stout "boys" was Mary Emma Langston Stout. Not a large woman she still possessed wonderous endurance. Marrying at thirteen and a mother at fifteen, and never fully recovering from a mishap at birth of her first child, she nevertheless bore and mothered eight sons and seven daughters.

Who is there that does not feel a desire to live as faithfully as they? Their general attitude was simply and strikingly expressed.

"Daddy and mother were true Latter-day Saints, and taught these principles to their children."

Welfare Cases Proper Methods

How should we go about converting all the aged to give up state pensions and accept Church welfare? Answer by Elder Henry D. Moyle, of Council of Twelve, at the Oakland Stake Conference, June 28, 1947: That is a missionary work, a work of love and understanding. How do you get everyone to pay tithing or keep the Word of Wisdom? We can only explain the Lord's will to the people—the faithful will accept, others want additional reasons.

WAR AND CALAMITIES NEAR AT HAND

Elder Moyle called attention to the fact that the leaders of our nation foresee further wars and referred to General Eisenhower's prediction of yesterday. More seriously for Latter-day Saints the general authorities forsee the same calamities. As recent as last Thursday President Smith stated he didn't see how we could avoid another war unless a big change comes oyer the world.

We should be ready to take care of our needy; prepare now before the need arises. The priesthood should discover those in need and assist the Bishop to look after them.

"The plan of the Church is not to supplement state aid with Church welfare or vice versa, but to make possible for everyone in any circumstanres to work according to his ability for what he needs."

The last legislature in Utah made a drastic cut in the amount of money to be used for state aid, reducing the sum received by some and cutting out others completely. Thus we see that state aid is politically controlled. "The Lord's way is security, while the government's way is insecurity."

The heavy sacrifaces made by the Utah pioneers is the key to the spirituality of that period. "Sacrifice brings forth the blessings of heaven."

Berkeley Ward

(Walnut and Vine Streets)

Wedding Bells. Wednesday evening, June 16, Miss Erma Cox and Mr. Dale Nielsen were married at the L.D.S. Institute of Religion, 2368 Le Conte avenue, by Bishop Denzel C. Allen. After the reception following the ceremony they left for a honeymoon in the state of Washington.

June 21. Miss Geneve Brinton became the bride of Wally Scott at a formal wedding at the Chapel of the Chimes at which Bishop Denzel C. Allen officiated. A reception followed at the L.D. S. Institute of Religion. The new Mr. and Mrs. Scott left by motor for a trip to Lake Tahoe and Salt Lake City, Utah, where they expect to attend to Temple ordinances.

In the recent clothing drive for needy saints in Europe the Berkeley Ward packed 103 boxes.

A group of the young married Berkeley Ward ladies have been meeting twice a month at each other's homes and spending the evening sewing. Now after several weeks of consideration the girls have decided upon a name for the club. From now on they will be known as "The Sew 'n Sew" club. New officers have been installed after President Hazel Ball completed a very successful six months. The purpose of the club is for the Berkeley Ward girls to get better acquainted and to get the many odds and ends sewed which otherwise would be laid aside.

Our hats are off to the Berkeley Ward Singing Mothers after hearing their "Spring Concert" conducted by Helga Evans and accompanied by Mildred Hunt. The audience was silent as the chorus sang, "The Lord's Prayer," arranged by Ada Lindblad and "Come, Come Ye Saints" arranged by Mildred Hunt. A lovely trio number was presented by our Ward string trio with Francelle Larsen playing the violin, Merle Ballantyne the 'cello and Roberto Amott the piano.

Three very beautiful numebrs were then rendered by Vera Meredith. Then there were several numbers by the chorus, followed by a organ and piano duet by Grace Boyack and Ardell Kay. We have never had such an enjoyable evening's entertainment for a long time .The Singing Mothers should be given encouragement and credit for the long hours they spend practicing for such occasions.

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Early Pioneers In Utah 1848-51

Leo J. Parry's paternal grandfather, Caleb Parry, arrived in Salt Lake City from Wales, October 27, 1849, via New Orleans and the Mississippi river; served as master mason on the Salt Lake Temple; was a veteran of the Indian Wars and the Echo Canyon Expedition, a captain in 1868 of the "Nauvoo" Legion, and died in England while on a mission, 1871.

Caleb's father, John Parry, came to Utah with his son; was a gifted poet and musician, being the first leader of the Tabernacle Choir; introduced alfalfa into Utah from seed shipped to him from Australia; was the father of Bp. Edwin F. Parry, composer of L. D. S. hymns.

The grandmother of Ray H. Fisher, Mrs. Frank B. Ellsworth, and Wm. A. Brossard, all of East Oakland, was Abagail Jane Andrews, a pioneer of 1848 to the Salt Lake Valley with her family. Her husband, Milo Andrews, was at the time filling a mission to England, and joined his family in 1850. In 1854 he was installed by Erastus Snow, one of the Council of Twelve, as President of the St. Louis, Missouri, Stake of Zion; in 1861 he returned from another mission to England bringing with him a company of 684 saints across ocean and plains to Salt Lake City. Two or three other missions were filled by this good man.

Wilford W. Snyder, newly appointed alternate H. C. in Oakland Stake, is a graduate of David Fullmer, who came to Utah in 1848 or 1849, and later served as counsellor in the original Salt Lake Stake. He had been called to remain at Garden Grove while the first company pressed on to Salt Lake Valley.

Wendell Grow of Oakland Ward reports that his great grandfather, Henry Grow, Jr., came to Utah in 1851. Because he became such a profuse builder of historic structures he must be mentioned here. Among his achievements listed by Wendell are the old Social Hall, the Tabernacle, the roof of which is his work as an architect, Salt Lake theater, Z.C.M.I.,and Assembly hall. He also built the first suspension bridge in Utah (1854), at Sugar House, and several saw mills for President Young, the first woolen mills in 1855; suspension bridges over the Jordon and Weber Rivers in 1861, and the paper mill in 1882. Henry Grow filled a mission to Pennsylvania, served as Salt Lake City councilman, 1870-76, and also played in the first martial band in Salt Lake City.

Rufus O. Phelps' grandfather, Morris Charles Phelps, came in 1849 by ox team. . . . Myrtle A. Davidson of San Leandro Ward, (Mrs. Allen T .Davidson), is the great-granddaughter of Elias Adams and Malinda Baily Adams, who arrived in Salt Lake Valley in 1848 or 1849. He had been retained at Mt. Pisgah for needed duties in 1847.

Martinez Ward

(East End of Arch Street)

On June 29, Patricia Ann, born June 6, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gale Roskelley; and Larry John, born June 7, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Shehorn, paid their first visit to Sunday school.

The Relief Society ladies are contemplating the purchase of a large water color painting by B. Y. Andelin of Utah, to be placed above the mantle in the Relief Society room, to harmonize with the coloring of the new furnishings. The regular lessons have been discontinued during the summer months. Those in charge of the summer program will be Ella Carlston on July 13, Marie Barber, July 20, and Edna Felt, July 27. The Primary also has an interesting program for the summer months.

We are happy to learn that Sister Edith McIntyre, our Relief Society president, has improved in health. She is returning from Utah this week, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. May Marsh, and her daughter, Margaret Ann.

The Mutual Fireside group enjoyed a party June 7, supervised by Sisters Florence Robinson and Valentine Dahlin. There were thirty present to enjoy the dancing, refreshments, and the surprise birthday cake for Barbara Roskelley.

Friday, June 27, the Fireside group enjoyed a swimming party at Castle Rock, followed by a watermelon bust at the Markham home in Concord.

SCOUT NEWS

Tuesday night, June 24, Troop No. 188 of Martinez had as a feature of its regular weekly meeting, an impressive candlelight ceremony at which four new boys were accepted into the troop. These were: David Wygal, Donald Reniff, Harry Green, and Jackie Tussing.

At this ceremony, Robert Vom Dorp was promoted to patrol leader of the Covered Wagon Patrol, with Vance Roskelley as assistant patrol leader. Stanley Dahlin was made assistant patrol leader of the newly formed Black Bear Patrol, of which Edward Gamba is the patrol leader.

Alameda Ward

Members of the bishopric were hosts to two hundred and fourteen members at an enjoyable outing held at Redwood Canyon on Saturday, June 21. Delicious food was prepared and served by the Relief Society. Entertainment was under the supervision of the M.I.A.

Bill Hendershot has been asked to work with Clare Hunt supervising the Fireside group. A most interesting program is being planned.

Emmy Stam is conducting the choral group in the ward under the direction of the Stake contest committee. A September music festival is being prepared.

Arnold Smedley is the new chairman of the geniological committe.

The Kenneth Swanson and Harold Hagg families have both moved from the ward into Oakland.

The M.I.A. has announced that a hayride is being planned for August. Watch for further details.

Ralph Lane, the new Y. M. superintendent, has chosen Reed Schow and Paul Jenkel as counsellors.

Susuan Grace, the beautiful new daughter of Harold and Grace Hagg, arrived on May 29, weighing eight pounds and fourteen ounces.

The Gleaners sponsored an ice skating party on Tuesday evening, June 23, at which all the young people of the ward were invited. An appetizing supper was later served at the home of Delores Knowles. Gaylene Clayson is the newly elected class president.

Ivy Carlin was hostess to the Alameda camp of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers on June 23. Rose Winkel, the newly elected president, and who left June 30 for a month's vacation in Utah announced that there will not be a meeting in July.

Oakland Ward

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Weir became the proud parents of an 8-lb. 2-oz. baby girl, Marie Elaine, on Friday, June 13. Mrs. Weir is the former Donna Toole.

Dick Ewald and Bob Bundy have journeyed to Oregon where they will spend the next three months during school vacation. Bob's folks have received a letter saying the boys arrived safely, and all is well.

Thelda Baker has just returned from Utah where she has been spending her two weeks 'vacation and we understand she had a wonderful time.

Donna Hess has now returned to her home in Oakland after completing her studies at Brigham Young University in Provo.

A splendid missionary farewell was given for Elder Sterl V. Grow on June 10 who is going to serve in the French Mission. Sterl has just recently been discharged from the army where he has spent most of his time in the European theatre and he is, therefore, quite familiar with the country over there. We will all be looking forward to hearing from him after he has arrived at his destination.

A very enjoyable party was given for the Mutual officers and teachers on Friday, June 13, and we do all wish to thank Sarah for planning the refreshments and entertainment.

Donna Wall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Wall, and two of her friends from Holy Name college have been spending the past three weeks in Yosemite, where they have been entertaining guests at the Awahnee and Yosemite lodge with their music.

A bridal shower was given on June 11 in honor of Miss Ruth Bingham and on June 23, 1947, Ruth and Robert C. Little were married in the Arizona Mesa Temple. After a short honeymoon on the Southern Coast of California, the young couple will reside in Sacramento.

Darrell Monson, our Sunday school superintendent, has just returned from spending a week in Salt Lake, and returning with him were his mother and sister who are going to visit for three or four weeks with Darrell and Betty Monson.

HENSEN WALKER

(Continued from page 1)

members of the first company bound for the Rocky Mountains. He was with the advance party that entered the Salt Lake Valley July 23, 1847. In 1853 he was ordained a High Priest by Brigham Young and set apart as bishop of the Pleasant Grove Ward.

Ten years later he was released to fill a mission to Great Britain where he was president of the Scottish Mission. Upon his return to the United States two years later he filled two missions to the Northern States. In 1889 he became President of the Utah Stake High Priests' Quorum, which position he held until his death in 1905.

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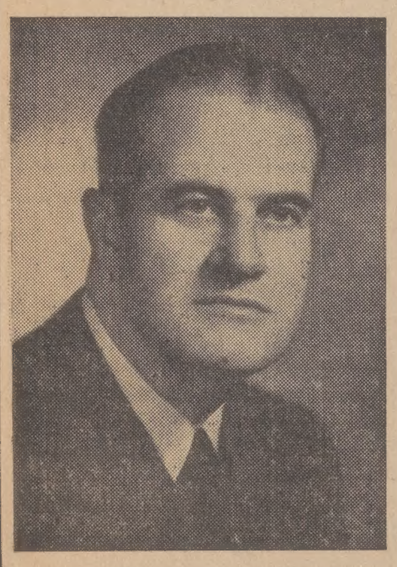

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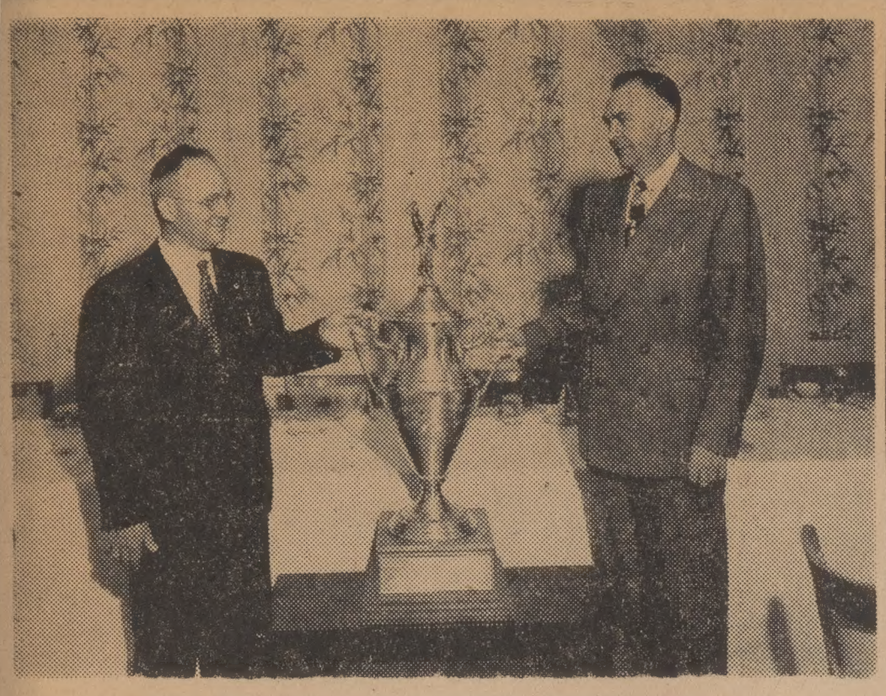


On May 21st at a luncheon and sales convention conducted by Clyde J. Summerhays, superintendent of agents, and held at the Claremont hotel, Virgil H. Smith, vice president of the Beneficial Life Insurance Company, presented the company's coveted President's Cup to the Oakland Agency. Charles J. Taylor, C.L.U., general agent, accepted the cup on behalf of the agency. The president's cup is a recognition for excellence in production, organization and training of new men, and cooperation with the home office in Salt Lake City. Members of the Oakland agency are as follows: Don C. Wood, Marion D. Redford and William V. Emery of Berkeley; Harold J. Hickenlooper and Adelbert L. Clawson of San Francisco; Gilbert L. Torgeson, San Leandro; Colonel R. Vause, Oakland; Martin L. Robinette and Loren A. Cluff, San Jose; Joseph V. Mercurio, Redwood City; Charles H. Purchase, San Mateo; Clarence C. Aaron, Santa Rosa, and A. T. Wanlass and Ben Thomas, of Richmond.

Mr. Taylor, appointed general agent for the Bay Region in 1938, has played a prominent part in insurance associations, being at present president of the Oakland Chapter of Chartered Life Underwriters. He and Mr. Wood are members of the company's exclusive Multi-Millionaire Club. Mr. Taylor was Beneficial's first underwriter to receive the national designation, C.L.U.

Vallejo Ward News

(1539 Tuolumne Street)

Mr. and Mrs. Martin P. McGuinn have returned home after a six weeks' vacation spent in Montana and Idaho. While in Idaho, Mrs. McGuinn witnessed the marriage of her niece in the Idaho Falls Temple.

New officers of the Young Men's M.I.A. include Jack Johnson as president with Glen Zundell and Max Stephensen as his counsellors. Elda Lowry has been chosen as president of the Young Ladies' M.I.A. Her counsellors are Stella Johnson and Winnie Hacking.

The missionaries of the Vallejo Ward are doing outstanding work in their various localities. Brother George Walser has recently been called to Akron, Ohio, where he was honored to become a counselor to the mission president. Brother and Sister Millard Cosby have been located in Tennessee where they have sold finteen hundred small books and fifty Books of Mormon. The youngest missionary is Jay Nielsen. Just recently he has been transferred to Philadelphia where he has been asked to sing in the Eastern States Mission male chorus.

The presidency of the Relief Society are expressing their desire for the ladies of the Ward to assist them with the welfare assignment. Many who cannot be at the church to help may call Sisters Norma Taylor or Maud Sorensen to obtain their share of sewing which can be done at home. The assignment is so large that it will require the help of every lady in the ward to complete it.

Friday, June 27, at the home of Mrs. Georgia Coleman, the Primary presidency entertained at a delightful 'thank you" party for their officers and teachers. The guests were seated at small tables decorated in gold and green with clever 'thank you" plaques used as centerpieces. Miniature pioneer scenes depicted the centennial theme and cleverly decorated glasses of jelly were presented as favors. A delicious luncheon was served and special gifts given to the teachers who possessed outstanding attendance records. Special guests included Otto Mathews and Wallace Weierman who represented the bishopric. The organization presented them with $50 as a building fund donation.

Many Vallejo people are vacationing in Salt Lake City, where they have gone to enjoy the Centennial celebration.

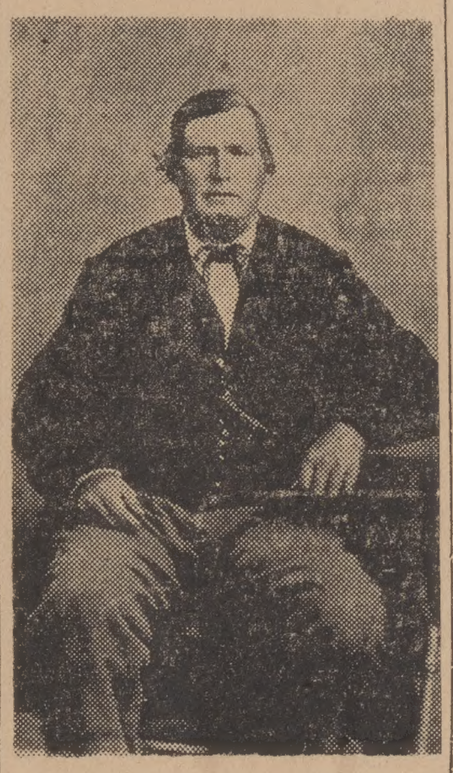
Appleton Harmon

Sire of Maybelle Anderson, Berkeley.

Maybelle Harmon Anderson, in her 1946 book, "Appleton Milo Harmon Goes West," has preserved in the dairies of Appleton Harmon and his wife, Elmeda, a story of lives that epitomize the Mormon epic of pioneer days in Nauvoo, the plains, Utah, and the mission fields from America to England, all in terms of the common men and women of that drama.

From his first mission, 1842-43, to central New York, Appleton Harmon and his companion returned in one year to Nauvoo, bringing with them a company of 40 of the 52 converts they had made.

"The winter of '42 and '44 I spent in Nauvoo enjoying the refreshing teachings from the lips of Joseph Smith and Hyrum," writes Appleton, while of the year 1845, Elmeda wrote later, "In the year 1845, while we were living at Nauvoo, I met a young man named Appleton M. Harmon. He was learning the carpenter trade. We were soon very much in love and were married at my father's house, January 1, 1846. He was twenty-five years old and I was seventeen. On the thirteenth of February, 1846, with a company of the first pioneers, we left our parents, brothers and sisters at Nauvoo and began our journey through the unknown wilderness. We arrived at the Missouri river (Winter Quarters), in June, 1846."



In Winter Quarters the family stayed while Appleton obeyed the call of President Young, going with the original band of 143 men who broke a way to the Salt Lake Valley, returning later to bring his loved ones to live in the Old Fort on Pioneer Square in 1848, in a valley which, to Appleton, looked "beautiful, God-like, handsome, and cheerful."

Returning to the Platte river ferry in 1849 to conduct a pay-ferry and later fighting in the Indian war around Provo in 1850, and finishing two rooms and planting a garden for his family in Salt Lake City, with "the prospect of growing up with the settlement and sharing the prosperity of the new colony," he was completely "surprised" at the April, 1850, Conference to hear his name read out as one called "to take a mission to England."

In 13 days he had arranged his business affairs, sowed a field of wheat, and was on his way over mountain trails and plains for the fourth time, having "dedicated my family to the care of God." He was three years on this mission.

Early in 1862 the Harmon family "were called" to go to Utah Dixie to settle. Living first in Zion Canyon, then Toquerville, and finally at Holden, Appleton built and operated saw mills, machine shops acted as coop store manager led in every public benefit, cared for the needy, finally dying at only age 57, leaving a widow (who lived until aged 94), and a large family.

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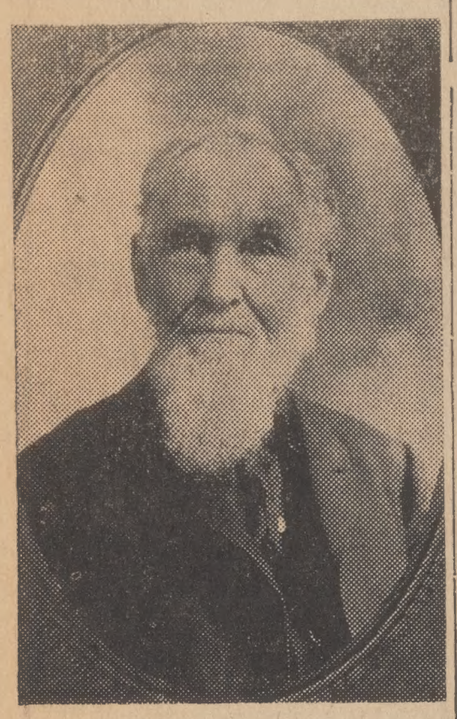
John S. Gleason

An infidel until he heard Mormonism at age nineteen, John Gleason then immediately threw his whole soul into the ministry, serving seven missions for the Church under the most trying circumstances, but with a burning testimony that burned brightly through his long life until at age 85 he died in his Pleasant Grove home in 1904. Moving to Nauvoo in 1841 he served as captain in the Nauvoo Legion, was personally acquainted with the Prophet, suffered and contended against the mobbings there, was incarcerated in Carthage jail just after the Prophet and Hyrum, and when Brigham Young arose before the huge congregation of Saints in Nauvoo after the mar-



tyrdom, John Gleason saw and testified that he saw the mantle of Joseph fall upon President Young, and they all knew that the heavens had called a new leader in Israel.

Vacating the city of Nauvoo in the hectic early spring of 1846 with his wife and dependents, a stalwart 28-year-old bundle of energy and devotion ,he was called to be one of the party of 143 men to pioneer the way to a home in the West, and was one of the group that preceded that party into Salt Lake Valley by a few days.

John Gleason pioneered in Tooele and Davis counties where he was called to important offices, between the times of his numerous missionary services. By three wives he raised nine children, and now has a numerous posterity.

Levi Savage With Handcart Pioneer

Ruth Hilton's grandfather, Levi Savage, Jr., was one of the Mormon Battalion who, being mustered out in California early in 1847 made the journey to northern California and thence over the Sierras to Utah where he arrived October, 1847. There he met his father and seven brothers and sisters who had entered the valley in August or September, 1847, the mother having died on the plains. With the father, Levi Savage, Sr., and seven children came also, in the company, Jane Mathers, a single Irish girl who had emigrated without her parents who had not accepted the Gospel. She assisted Levi Savage, Sr., to care for his children on the journey after the death of his wife on the plains, and later she also won the love of Levi Savage, Jr., and soon became his wife by whom she had one child, Levi Mathers Savage, before she herself died an early death. This Levi in time became the father of Ruth Savage Hilton, the wife of President Eugene Hilton of the Oakland stake. it on Sundays.

Participants Relief Society Centennial Program

Relief Society Centennial Event

On Sunday evening, June 1st, the Berkeley Stake Relief Society presented a Centennial Pageant under the direction of LaVon Johnson, Stake Theology Class Leader. Using the theme, "By Their Fruits Ye Shall Know Them," incidents in Church history were presented.

The setting of the program was designed to give a feeling of pioneer days. In the foyer of the chapel Sister LaRee Tolman had arranged a pioneer scene portraying the country near Fort Bridger in 1847 and having as its center of interest an old wagon wheel that had been picked up at Fort Bridger many years ago.

After looking at this scene guests were greeted at the chapel door by members of the Relief Society board in pioneer costume, and ushered to their seats by young girls in lovely party frocks, symbolizing the fruits of Mormonsm.

The script which was a synopsis of Church history from the first vision of Joseph Smith to the operation of the Welfare Plan was written by Vera Mayhew of the Stake Board and read by Meriam Ellsworth, a former counsellor on the Board when Oakland and Berkeley Stakes were one.

Music for the pageant was furnished by the combined ward choruses of the Relief Society Singing Mothers under the direction of Alameda Nielson, stake relief Society chorister. Ardell Kay was at the organ and Mildred Hunt the pianist. Solos were sung by Emma Zundel, Enid Young and Vera Meridith and a trio number by Mildred Gibbs, Vera Kirby and Puriva Maughan.

The Pageant was in seven scenes. All the bishops in the Stake co-operated in presenting this Centennial program by cancelling ward meetings scheduled for that night which made the large attendance possible.

A Stake program on June 1st was especially fitting since it was the 146th anniversary of the birth of Brigham Young. It was estimated that more than 600 people were present.

E. Richmond Ward

(28th and Nevin Streets)

June 27 and 28, a Father and Sons outing was sponsored by the second quorum of Elders in an overnight camp at Barbecue Pit area of Mt. Diablo State Park. They left the chapel at 6:30 p.m. and after arriving at camp prepared their evening meal, then spent the rest of the evening around a campfire with singing and faith promoting stories. On the 28th after breakfast all enjoyed a hike and ball game. Horseshoes were played, Bishop Umberger and Ward Wilson being declared the Champions. After a hearty lunch they returned homeward. Twenty-nine fathers and sons, including Brother Kirby, of the Stake High Council, were in the party.

The M.I.A. summer season is going ahead with great success. Tuesday, June 10, Harriet Ball gave a talk on child psychology, entitled, "Little Man What Now." Tuesday, June 17, the Oakland Community Players presented the comedy, "Granny Rules the Roost." Fallowed a talk on color entitled, "Living in a Rainbow," given by Leonard L. Bradeson. Tuesday, June 24, motion pictures showing the wild life of Africa. Also sports events of diving, fishing and a rodeo.

The Singing Mothers of the Ward presented several numbers at the Sacrament services Sunday the 30th. They are doing a splendid work.

Brother and Sister Alma Mortensen have just returned from an extended trip to Colorado, Missouri, and Oklahoma. They had the unique experience of being caught in a big blizzard in the Colorado mountains, where they had to wait for the snow plows to open the road before they could go on.

Friday, June 20, the Ward sponsored a dinner which, served from 6 to 8 p.m., was enjoyed by a large crowd. A very tasty and delicious menu was served.

Centennial Camp 300 King Scouts

Headed by more than three hundred King Scouts from Canada, delegates from three nations and more than thirty states of the Union will converge at Salt Lake City, July 21, for the five-day Pioneer Centennial Scout Camp to be held at Fort Douglas, it is announced by the general committee of which George Q. Morris, general superintendent of the YMMIA and member of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, is chairman.

The Scouts from Canada will be in the brilliant unforms of the King Scouts which correspond to Eagle Scouts in the United States. They will represent three stakes, Alberta, Taylor and Lethbridge, and with their leaders will occupy a special secion of the camp.

More than fifty boys from Mexico, representing Juarez stake likewise will have a special arrangement. Both groups will bring exhibits of their skills and crafts to be made a part of the general exhibit which is to be featured on July 24 followng the unveiling service at "This Is The Place" Monument in which the Scouts will participate.

Pittsburg Ward

Veterans' Hall, Pittsburg)

"Latter-day Saint Charity Dinner" is the name given to a Ward dinner to be held in the Pittsburg Masonic hall on July 11. The purpose of the affair is to bring the budget into the light and onto the right side of the column rather than end the year 'in the red." Tickets are being sold on a contribution basis and the ladies of the Relief Society are arranging for a combination smorgasbord and spaghetti feed.

Pittsburg was recently made very conscious of its ever popular and energetic youth when the time came for awarding Aaronic Priesthood and Latter-day Saint Girls' program awards for the year 1946. Two standard group awards were given out; one to the Priests' Quorum and one to the girls of the 17 to 20 age group of the Latter-day Saint Girls' program. Also, 15 individual awards were given to the following young people of Pittsburg: Carol Clayton, Barbara Snow, Gloria Magleby, Shirley Johnson, Mary Simons, Shirley Gibbs, Gloria Roche, Naomi Hughes, Staley Hunt, Rex Schofield, Carl Johnson, Billy Davis, Bud Barton, Douglas Hinckley and Harold Simons.

A Ward party with the M.I.A. in charge was held June 28 in the Pittsburg Ward with a good crowd of Pittsburgittes joining in softball, volleyball, tennis, horseshoe pitching, ets, storytelling and singing.

Mrs. C. W. Porter's Pioneer Mother

Alberta Porter of Berkeley, wife of Prof. C. W. Porter, recently retired U. C. professor, has a double pioneering ancestry: her mother came, a year old babe, into Salt Lake Valley in August, 1847, with her parents, the Thomas Jefferson Thurstons, while her father (that is Alberta's father), Willard Gilbert Smith ,came west as a member of the Mormon Battalion, was in California at the time of the first excitement over the discovery of gold here, and returned to Utah in 1848.

This Willard Gilbert Smith was later called by President Young to preside over the Saints at Porterville, Utah, where he presided as Stake president for about 38 years, besides serving the people as district judge and as a member of the state legislature. He died in 1903 at age 76, while his wife lived to be one of the last three living 1847 pioneers, being 94 years old at the time of her death in 1940.

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The object of the Society is to perpetuate names and achievements of the men and women who were the pioneers in founding the Utah commonwealth: by preserving old landmarks, collecting relics, establishing a library of pioneer historical matter, securing unprinted manuscripts, photographs, and all such data as shall aid in perfecting a record of the strong character, pure life and heroic deeds of the pioneers; by seeking to carry out and promote the objects which the pioneers had in view when they sacrificed all that they possessed and turned their faces to the west to seek homes in the mountains; by commemorating the advent of the pioneers into the barren wastes of Utah, and such other days and advents as are important in the history of the early days; by reviewing the lives of the pioneers, teaching their descendants and the citizens of our country the lessons of faith, courage and patriotism, and by creating a spirit of union and fellowship among the posterity of the pioneers.

The following roster is fairly complete of those who are active in the different camps. There are countless other women who are eligible to join who have yet to become acquainted with the interesting work of the organization.

Roster of Daughters of Utah Pioneers in Alameda County, Calif.

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Arletta Cox Tuttle, Ethel Welch Cullen, Amelia Davis Everett, La Rilda T. Seavers, Reba P. Winkel, Melvina Holdaway, Marie Hendershott, Dean Warren, Aldena Thompson, Rose Winkel, Phylis Everton, Betty Hughes, Ruth Rooks.

Shirley Swanson, Larene Powell, Mary Dunn, Ann J. Tuttle, Fanny T. Bessey, Cora C. Martindale, Cora Carter, Inez Carlen, Blanche Crandall, Eugenia Daniels, Emma Eliason, Rhea Gustaveson, Irma Lane, Luciel Schdale, Cora Carter, Inez Carlen, Pearl M. A. Meine, Ada Lindblad, eanette Barrett, La Von Eyring, Edna Brinton, Suzan Cragun.

Helen I. Bunkers, Pearl Taylor, Clara Gleason, Annette Wood, La Von Johnson, Josephine M. Brawley, Rachel H. Ball, Vera Mayhew, Hurberta M. Berg, Louise O. Knight, Emma B. Taylor, Nancy May G. Baker, Murine E. Mahl, Nancy C. J. B. Blair, Ida Holmes, (Ctpt.), Beatrice Lloyd, Myrtle . Barrett, Roxie Peterson, Ethel Solberg, Anna Ellsworth.

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Dimond Camp

Mavis Humphries, Grace T. Jackson, Winifred L. Phelps, Hazel H. Allen, Alice M. Everett, Mary S. Bybee, Mabel Kitzberger, Gertrude P. Wright, Maud D. Briscoe, Rositta E. Thomas, Edna C. Tergeson, Jane Boetes.

Neita L. Van Noy, Lula McCarthy, Ruth Hilton, Luciel Williams, Adella Swenson, Viola S. Rainey, Pearl Follman, Hattie Robinson, Grace Harkins, Vera Harkins, Ruth Shurtliff, Beatrice Larsen.

Abrigal Jane Daley Camp

(First Alameda County Camp)

Minne F. Ellsworth, Effie Y. Gibbs, Martha H. McKaig, Katherine Matheson, Blanche Cherrington, Cleo Ricks, Bertha R. Davis, Catherine W. Pearson (captain), Gladys Thomas, Eva Thomas, Lillian Williams, Mary A. Cherrington, Elsie A. Brown, Melvina Earl, Mildred Morgan, Violate Pearce, Gladys D. Shurtliff, Sarah E. G. Wright, Ruby S. Donnelly, Roselle Jenkel, Francis Hudson.

Elmhurst Camp

La Rilda Holder (captain), Myrtle Davidson, Inez Sutton, Inez McFarland, Violet M. Smith, Ruby B. Osler, La Von Osmond, Delia Bates, Laura Williams, Rowena Baysinger, La Vinia Jackson, Sarah Ana Stock, Rachael Brown, Jessie C. Lund, Elva Jackson, Ena Squires, Juie Duffin, Alice Bauer, Alice Muir, Helen Day.

Hayward Camp

Mary Stewart, Margaret McClellan, Alice Welchoff, Anna Webb Ray, Grace Reinking, Eva Webb Loomis, Anna H. Anderson, Phyllis J. Checketts, Mary W. Rose, Nellie B. Peterson, Violate McAllister, Edyth M. Scoffield, Mary J. Cook, Erdie B. Olsen, Bertha La Pray, Maud O. Cheney, Jay Phister, Dora H. Ashton, Cecil D. Truscott, Lillis J. Homes, Della R. Eck, Elsie R. Willis, Ivy La Von C. La Vo.

Richmond Camp

(1st Contra Costa County Camp)

Vergie Stanger, Mary Phelps, Jessie Pierson, Jessie Bradeson, Sylvia Busby, Sylvia Aiken, Ethel Deitliker, Mildred Anderson.

For security and for mutual help, convenience and companionship as well as for the evening's entertainment about the blazing campfires, the pioneers gathered their wagons together facing inward in a great circle at the close of each day's toilsome journey. Musical instruments and the group and solo singing made merry or lead in devotions. In such gatherings rose full-throated, "Come, Come, Ye Saints," and "We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet," as well as the jocular and the love songs of the day.

Mary Brockbank 1847 Pioneer

Active and vigorous almost unto her death at age 89, the mother of twelve sons and daughters, and honored in her old age as the last remaining pioneer of 1847, Mrs. Mary Ann Park Brockbank has still another distinction that she came to Utah under the hard pioneering condition when she was a mere child at the tender age of four years, in September, 1847. All she remembered of the trip across a thousand miles of plains was of seeing herds of buffalo.

Residing first in the adobe fort on Pioneer Square in Salt Lake City, then moving to Provo and living inside another fort for a while as protection against the Indians, she learned to get the fibres from the flax, to spin the fibres into threads, to weave the threads into cloth, to cut and sew the cloth into garments, to grind wheat into meal and make bread of the whole meal, to make soap from tallow and lye, to make lye from wood ashes. These were a few of her real accomplishments, besides yoking up cattle, and plowing and harrowing the land.

But other things to her were more important. "Life to me has been a great experience. I have passed through sorrow and sunshine and have been a pioneer in every deed. My greatest joy at this time is to see and know that all my children are members of the Church, and are all good citizens. I desire to continue true and faithful to the Gospel to the end of my days, and to have my dear ones do likewise."

Mary Brockbank was the grand mother of La Von Johnson of Berkeley.

Future Stake Conferences

Stake Conference Dates

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San Leandro Ward

San Leandro Ward has sent its first two missionaries into the field, during the past month, Milton Wells to the Texas-Louisiana Mission and Howard J. Marsh, to the Argentina Mission. Both young men have been very active in their ward activities, and we know that they will make fine missionaries, because of their leadership qualities. We are honored to have them go.

Our welfare program has been very actively helped by all priesthood quorums. Tomatoes, beans, corn, etc., are being cultivated. Every member who participates gains the blessing of health and comradeship.

A very successful Ward picnic was held this month at Durant park, for all of the families of the Ward. Members brought a picnic lunch supper, and the ward supplied the ice cream for dessert. A very happy time was enjoyed by all in attendance. Some of our younger folks went horseback riding. Games were indulged in by all ages, and the evening was brought to a close with community singing, conducted by Laura Andersen. The committee is to be congratulated on such a healthful family outing.

Another special feature this month is the newly organized young couples' Fireside Group, to be held after Sacrament meeting. It is hoped that through this social contact our members will get to know each other in a fireside friendly manner, and enjoy an open forum upon specially selected subjects suitable to the group. The Bishopric extends to all couples in the ward an invitation to attend these fireside circles, and make our Ward one of the most friendly in the Stake. Our Bishopric, through personal visits, is endeavoring to know every family in our ward. Do join with us in this progressively desire to know you.

Milton Wells has been released as second counsellor in the Sunday school organization, and Howard J. Marsh as the Gospel message teacher.

The Relief Society knows no vacation, as there are always special assignments for these faithful ever-ready sisters, under the direction of president Rose Snyder. The Boy Scout troop is enjoying their activities, including happy outings of the summer season, under the capable leadership of Grant Gay.

Our Missionaries are spending as many evenings as possible endeavoring to build up the Kingdom of God.

DESCENDANTS FIRST OF 1847 PIONEERS

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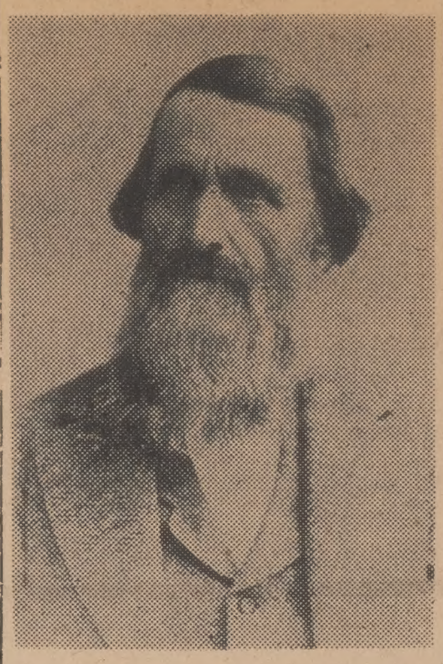
Oliver Ellsworth of Fruitvale avenue; Von T. Ellsworth of Berkeley, and Heber Ellsworth of Claremont.

Descendents of Harriet Page Wheeler Decker Young, one of the three women of the first Pioneer band, in the local colony include Heber Brown, Flora Sears, Eva Harker, and Leone Daily and their families.

A great-grandfather of Ruth Hilton was Thomas Karren, of the sick detachment of the Mormon Battalion, who came into the Salt Lake Valley with the small group which, the family records show, had even done some plowing before the 24th.

Ira Markham, Martinez Ward, member of Berkeley Stake High Council, is a grandson of Stephen Markham, first Camp pioneer, and high in early Church history, a great leader and associate with the Prophet and Brigham Young.

Edmund Ellsorth



Edmund Ellsworth, besides having the distinction of being one of the original Utah pioneer band of 143 men selected to blaze the trail to the Saints' home in the West, has the further and increasing honor of having fathered four families with their thirty-seven sons and daughters who pioneered in Idaho (two of the families settling on the Snake river there), and in Arizona where Edmund and two other of his families were called to colonize in 1880 in Mesa and Slowlow where he died in 1893 at the age of 73.

Having received baptism and confirmation, both by the Prophet Joseph himself, in Nauvoo, Edmund became a member of the Nauvoo Legion both in Nauvoo and also in Utah where he rose to rank of major, fought in several of the Utah Indian wars, and was elected alderman in Salt Lake City, and served in the bishopric of the First Ward there.

In 1854 he served as a missionary to England, testifying that at their conferences "the Spirit of the Lord was poured out upon us in great confusion," and being blessed to make many converts, to cast out evil spirits, and in one case to have healed his companion who had eaten food poisoned by an apostate, which food Edmund himself had been saved from eating by having had all desire for food taken from him althuogh he had just before been weary and faint for lack of nourishment. Commenting on this he wrote, "And for this we gave God the praise and the glory."

Edmund Ellsworth's first wife was the eldest child of Brigham Young. Edmund testified that he had been present at the great Conference of the Church in Nauvoo after the martyrdom "where" he wrote, "I saw the mantle of the Priesthood fall upon President Young with its power and spirit. The testimony of this was given to most of the congregation."

While returning from his British Mission President Young sent him a letter directing him to lead the first handcart company ever to cross the plains. This he succeeded in doing in good order and dispatch.

The Pioneers brought the true faith to Utah, a high challenge to their descendants. To keep the faith is scarcely less difficult than to receive it at first.

UNIFIED STAKE BUILDING PROGRAM

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stake storehouse and welfare projects, and stake Tabernacle and youth center, through annual assessments of cash and labor levied upon the members of the stake according to ability to pay, and to work, and

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President Wayne Mayhew made the 6-year plan vivid, concrete, and specific by means of a series of very large charts which he displayed and read before the meeting.

THREE CETENNIAL EVENTS IN UTAH

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Maxwell Pk. News

The Primary association assures us of an outstanding program, Sunday, August 3. Let's all come out.

Ruth Williams has been the guest of honor at three bridal showers this month. She will become Mrs. Howard Thomas on July 18, in Oakland. The couple go to Utah for their honeymoon, at which time they will go through the Logan Temple.

Our former Ward Clerk, Ronald A. Cheney and family, have moved to Santa Rosa, to make their new home. Good luck and success. We'll all miss you. George Aaron is our new Ward clerk.

A recent bride was Mardell Harkins, who was married to Paul Whitten, on May 25.

Little Melvin Bensen Watkins, who has been ill for some time, passed away June 18. On June 27, Mrs. Watkins gave birth to a lovely baby girl.

FUN—Every Tuesday at Maxwell Park. Listen for announcements at all Ward meetings.

A very inspirational program written by Sister Bea Larsen was presented at Sacrament meeting by the Gleaner Girls, along with the Binding of the Ward Sheaf.

We are happy that Bobby Martin, who was recently operated on is at home now and doing nicely.

Sister Georgia Bernard formerly of the Elmhurst Ward is now living at the home of Sister Bea Larsen, our Relief Society president. She will be happy to hear from her old friends.

The many friends of Allan Barker are happy he is improving and out of the hospital.

HENRY D. MOYLE

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Universal priesthood also gives us all the right and power to preach the Gospel. As world problems press more and more upon us we will need to consult priesthood more and more in even the intimate problems that do and will confront us. Honor and utilize your individual and your quorum priesthood power. It is from the Lord and will save you much distress and failure, and give you much power and peace.

"Divine authority to speak in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost is in the midst of these everlasting mountains, and among this people, and I bear you this testimony," declared the late President Joseph F. Smith.

Two things are important: Understand God's will and do God's will. "Patience is Heavenly;" "Obedience is noble;" "Forgiveness is Mercy."

After each quarterly conference we have three months in which to improve, to do better, to increase our faith and activity.

President George Albert Smith sends his blessings upon you, my brothers and sisters, and with the authority he has he blesses you to become greater instruments to do His will in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

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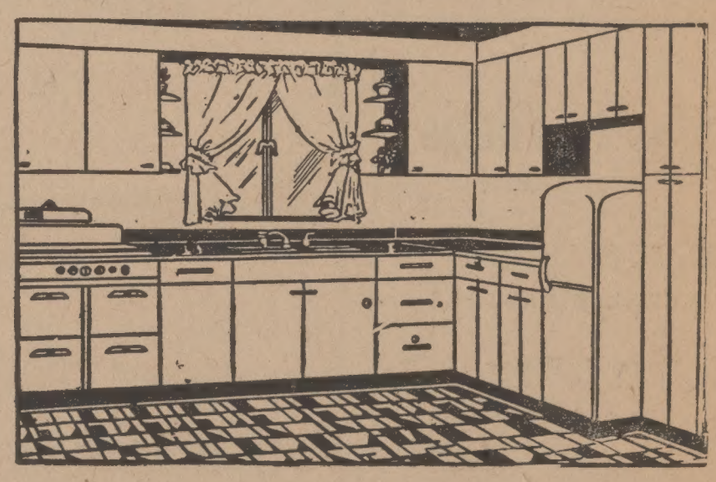

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